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**REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.28**

Sir:


This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.28 to refund a \$450 overpayment made erroneously for the 3.5 year maintenance fee due in the above noted patent. A copy of the maintenance fee statement evidencing the payment is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The owner of the above noted patent is a small entity, and a large entity fee of \$900.00 was mistakenly paid for the patent on January 25, 2007. Since the owner of the patent is a small entity, the proper 3.5 year maintenance fee that should have been paid was \$450.00. Thus, there was an overpayment of \$450.00 and a refund of such overpayment is hereby requested. This refund request is being made within the three month time period established by §1.28.

The fee was paid by credit card, thus the Director is requested to refund the \$450.00 overpayment to the credit card ending in digit 4191. Alternatively, the Director may credit Deposit Account No. 180160.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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According to the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the maintenance fee and any necessary surcharge have been timely paid for the patent listed below. The "PYMT DATE" column indicates the payment date (i.e., the date the payment was filed).

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PATENT NUMBER	FEE AMT	SUR CHARGE	PYMT DATE	U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER	PATENT ISSUE DATE	APPL. FILING DATE	PAYMENT YEAR	SMALL ENTITY?	ATTY DKT NUMBER
6,617,520	\$900.00	\$0.00	01/25/07	09/650,824	09/09/03	08/30/00	04	YES	FEC-11704

Exhibit A